(*b*) if so, in which places and when each is likely to be started; and

(*c*) what the present number is of such banks in the Salem district and in which places they are working?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Applications for organizing primary land mortgage banks at Tiruchengode and Dharmapuri have been received. The application for starting a bank at Dharmapuri is under investigation. Soon after this investigation is over, the other application will be taken up.

(*c*) There is one at Velur.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know why the other application is kept pending, with regard to the starting of a Land Mortgage Bank at Tiruchengodu?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Probably they want to dispose of the first application before taking up the second."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, how long the investigation will take?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I cannot say it offhand."

## Public Works

*Ten per cent cut in the salaries of the Works establishment of the Public Works Department.*

* 324 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the 10 per cent cut in the pay of Government servants in 1932–33 was made applicable to the members of the works establishment in Public Works Department;

(*b*) what the reasons were that made the Government retrench the pay of nine coolies or menials, drawing Rs. 12 per mensem;

(*c*) whether the cut is enforced in all the circles or only in the Bezwada circle; and

(*d*) whether the cut has been restored since 1st April 1933 and whether in certain divisions the cut was in force beyond April 1933?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes. To those whose pay exceeded Rs. 40 per mensem.

(*b*) Without information as to what coolies or menials are referred to by the hon. Member, Government are unable to answer this question.

(*c*) & (*d*) The cut was enforced in all the circles and it must have been restored from 1st April 1933.